**CHAPTER 4**

And he found himself on the banks of the river Nera. The river was whispering something to him. “My name is Nera. I was born from Monti Sibilini, flow through Umbria, and connect to the river Tiber. Tiber disembogues into Tyrrhenian Sea and embraces the great Mediterranean. “John, The Mediterranean is not happy - save it – please save the Mediterranean! ”

John was confused. Without realizing what was going on, he found himself back in the present with the voice echoing in his head. It was a beautiful summer’s day. Holding the bottle in his hand, he was trying to understand his mission. All of a sudden, his aunt Amy came in and informed him that her best friend Lily would come and visit them with her daughter Mary. John wasn’t happy with the news. The house was already boring enough. And he didn't want any guests. Soon, the expected visitors arrived. Contrary to what he had anticipated, John got on well with Mary and they became close friends. A few weeks later, John and Mary were watching television when they heard strange fighting sounds coming downstairs. Mary's mother and John's aunt were arguing. The kids got surprised when they found out the problem; Lily wanted to donate food to a charity, but Amy was against this idea. This is why Lily made up her mind to leave. After learning that, John decided to tell Mary what he had been living through. What a big surprise!!! Mary knew everything! She also knew the bottle! John and Mary made a decision that evening: They would continue their missions no matter where they were. The next day, Lily and Mary returned to Greece.

John took the bottle and lied down his bed in sorrow. He was thinking and trying to make plans. How was he going to find the right place? He began to examine the bottle. First, he uncorked it, then he flipped it over. A small drop fell to the floor. There was a magic potion in the bottle! Suddenly a cloud of mist faded and John found himself in the streets of Muğla. Two sisters were looking at him in surprise and fear. John met the girls and learned their names: they were Nil and Tomris. John and the sisters became good friends. Towards the evening, Nil invited John to stay with them. “I'd love to, but I don't think your family will want me” answered John. “We lost our parents due to the air pollution” said Tomris. Then, they went to where Nil and Tomris lived. The girls didn't have a house to stay. They were living in the ancient city of Knidos. As he gazed at the junction of the Mediterranean and the Aegean through the cape of Tekir, John was struck by this magnificent view. He suddenly remembered the words of the river Nera; The Mediterranean was in danger. The black factory polluted the earth and the seas. All living creatures in the Mediterranean were in danger. John learned that the coast of Muğla was a home to Caretta Carettas and the Mediterranean Monk Seals. These creatures were in danger of extinction as their home got polluted. He told Nil and Tomris what had happened and asked for their help. That night the kids made a plan.

First of all, they left early in the morning to identify the Caretta Caretta regions, met at noon and went to the places they identified. But there was a problem; how would the potion be enough for all these animals? The next day they set off. They found the caretta carettas and gave the potion to each and every one of them. The “magic potion” helped them multiply. Tomris tried to touch a young caretta caretta but she could not. At that moment, they realized that the potion protected these animals. Moreover, even though they used too much of it, it didn’t diminish. When they returned to the ancient city, they were still under the influence of this event. All of a sudden, they heard a thundering. When they looked around, they saw a sign in the sky. “You saved caretta carettas. Your next mission is to save the Mediterranean monk seals. The next day, while scouting along the seashore, they found a severely wounded Mediterranean monk seal.

The children got panicked and carried the seal to a nearby cave called İncirliin. They filled a cavity with water and placed the monk seal there. Tomris went to the forest to pick up herbs to make an ointment. Nil left to bring some seaweed so that the seal could feel more comfortable. John stayed in the cave with the seal. While Tomris was picking up herbs in the forest, she found a note hanging from a tree. “What you need the most is the thing that you’ll never run out of.” Tomris ran to the cave. She showed the note to Nil and John. At that moment, Nil saw a caretta caretta and shouted: “Of course, what we need most is to heal the Mediterranean monk seal!”. John added: “And the thing that we’ll never run out is the magic potion.” The kids immediately carried the seal into the sea and John gave the magic potion to her. The wounded seal got recovered and set off to help other seals. As a reward of accomplishing the mission, John's father appeared. They heard the strange sound of thunder, again.

John and the girls knew that it was time to go to other countries.